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#### **SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES DIVISION**

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September 21, 1999

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street Lobby TW-A325 Washington, D.C. 20554

In re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation in Request of DILLON SCHOOL DISTRICT #2 (SC) for Review of Decision of Universal Service Administrator, CC

Docket Nos. 97-21, and 96-45

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Dear Ms. Salas:

Attached are the following, regarding of the above-captioned applicant's filings under Subpart F of Part 54 of the Commission's Rules:

- (1) Statement of Explanation from the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) in its role as Fund Administrator, detailing the chronology and outcomes of the processing of the three separate Program Year 1 applications filed by the above-named applicant (Dillon School District #2);
- (2) December 18, 1998 appeal letter from the applicant to the Schools and Libraries Division of USAC;
- (3) FCC Forms 470 and Forms 471 filed by Dillon School District #2 for each of their three applications filed with the Fund Administrator under Subpart F of Part 54 of the Commission's Rules;
- (4) supporting documentation submitted by Dillon School District #2 for Form 471 Application 91471; and
- (5) appeal letter dated July 22, 1999 from Paula Yohe on behalf of Dillon School District #2 filed with the FCC.

In accordance with Commission rules, I am submitting two copies of this notice to the Office of the Secretary in each docket. Please acknowledge receipt hereof by affixing a notation on a duplicate copy of this letter furnished herewith for such purposes and remitting same to the bearer.

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Sincerely,

Ellen Wolfhagen

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Schools and Libraries Division

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Dillon School District #2

## Attachment Number 1 - Statement of Explanation Filed by the Fund Administrator Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Pursuant to Subpart F of Part 54 of the Commission's regulations, Dillon School District #2 (Dillon) submitted three applications for discounted telecommunications services which are the subject of its appeal to the Commission.

Dillon filed three FCC Form 470s (the form entitled "Request for Services" that initiates the process of obtaining discounted telecommunications services pursuant to the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism) and three FCC Form 471s (the form entitled "Services Ordered and Certification Form" which the Administrator treats as the actual "application"). The Administrator assigns a tracking number to each of these documents.

The Administrator assigned the following USCN (Universal Service Control Numbers) to Dillon's Form 470s:

- 926150000062214
- 130220000062256
- 232050000062174

Dillon's Form 471s that followed these 470s (in the same order) were assigned the following tracking numbers:

- 39801
- 79813
- 91471

The Administrator generally refers to the Form 471 as "the application" and does not utilize the numbers given to the Form 470 for tracking purposes. In Dillon's case, the existence of different tracking numbers for each form lead to confusion later in the process. Dillon filed an appeal with the Administrator which inadvertently mixed up some of the application numbers, leading the Administrator to deny the appeal.

In its letter appealing the Administrator's decision, Dillon referred to its three applications as numbers 62214, 62256 and 62174, however, Dillon's appeal was based on the Funding Commitment Decision Letter issued by the Administrator which referred to the Form 471s submitted by Dillon. Because the numbers provided by Dillon -- which are the last five digits of the three USCNs listed above -- did not conform to the information contained in the Administrator's computer databases, the Administrator encountered some difficulty in relating the actual applications (i.e., the FCC Form 471s) that are the subject of Dillon's appeal.

USAC/SLD Dillon SD #2 September 21, 1999

## Attachment Number 1 - Statement of Explanation Filed by the Fund Administrator Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Upon appeal to the FCC, Dillon repeated the inadvertent mix up of the application numbers. In further review of the various applications that were filed, the Administrator was able to untangle the situation and determine that there were three separate applications and two separate issues on appeal. One issue is that an application had been cancelled in error and the other issue was that an application had the wrong service provider listed. Both of these situations can be dealt with administratively by the Administrator, thereby making the Dillon appeal moot.

Dillon filed two applications seeking discounted long-distance services. The first application covered a contract that expired on July 10, 1998 (FCC Form 471 Application 39801 based on Form 470 USCN 926150000062214). The second application for discounted services referred to a new contract for long-distance services commencing July 1, 1998 (FCC Form 471 Application 79813 based on Form 470 USCN 130220000062256). Due to an error in the data entry process, the Administrator cancelled this second application as being duplicative of the first. An internal review by the Administrator detected this error, and Dillon will be receiving notice shortly that this application will be funded.

Dillon's third application (Form 471 Application 91471) raised a different and separate issue. When a program applicant submits an FCC Form 471 application, the applicant must supply documentation to support requests for discounted services. Among other things, such documentation must specify the services being provided and the company providing the service. The Administrator's review of Dillon's Application 91471 indicated that, although the Form 471 refers to AT&T as the service provider, the backup documentation for this Form 471 indicates that the services in question are provided by Bell South, not AT&T. Dillon appears to have recognized this error and has attempted to correct it in its appeal to the Commission. It appears, however, that Dillon failed to cite the correct application in its appeal letter. In the document filed with the Commission, attachment 5, Dillon stated that the service provider should have been designated as Bell South, not AT&T, in Form 471 Application 39801 (based on Form 470 USCN 926150000062214). However, the Administrator's records indicate that it is actually Form 471 Application 91471 (based on Form 470 USCN 232050000062174) in which the Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) was listed as AT&T but where the documentation indicated that Bell South appears to be the actual service provider. Since Dillon's request falls within the guidelines for allowing a SPIN change, the Administrator will process Dillon's SPIN correction on Form 471 application numbered 91471 to reflect that Bell South is the actual service provider.

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Attachment #2 – Appeal Letter to SLD

## Dillon School District Two 405 West Washington Street Dillon, SC 29536

December 18, 1998

SLC Box 125 Correspondence Unit 100 South Jefferson Rd. Whippany, NJ 07981

#### To Whom it May Concern:

We have discovered an error on the Application number: 00039801. This is evidently for tariffed service. Our carrier is BellSouth. Please advise. I have also included our original application.

I also believe that an error occurred this summer. I filed an existing contract for AT&T, which we received a FRN number for. I also filed a new contract with AT&T. I believe that this form was cancelled by one of your people verifying the information this summer. They insisted to me that the application was filed twice. I have not received any information on this contract and I was informed that all telephone service letters had been sent. I am sending copies of any information that I feel may be helpful. We are on vacation until Jan. 4, 1999 but I will be checking email. Email address: pyohe@infoave.net

Thank you.

Sincerely,

<u>Paula A. Yoh</u>e

Director of Technology

SLC Funding Notification Synopsis for Application Number: 00039801

Funding Request Number:00039945 Funding Status: Funded SPIN: 143001192 Service Provider Name: AT&T Corp. Provider Contract Number: 4 Services Ordered: Telc Svc(s) Effective Date of Discount: 01/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 07/10/1998 Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$2,550.00 Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: 90% Funding Commitment Decision: \$2,295.00 - Batch Approved Detail Line





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Attachment #3 – Forms 470 and 471 (3 each)



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Form 470 USCN 13022 0000062256

FCC Form

Approval by OMB 3060-0806

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## Schools and Libraries Universal Service Description of Services Requested and Certification Form

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This form is designed to help schools and libraries describe the eligible telecommunications-related services they seek so that this data can be posted on a website and interested service providers can identify the applicant as a potential customer and compete to serve it.

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(School, library, or consortium desiring	
Posting Date: 03/06/1998	
Allowable Contract Date: 04/03/1998	
Certification Received Date: 03/11/1998	
1. Name of Applicant:	2. Funding Year:
DILLON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST 2	01/01/1998 - 06/30/1999
3a.NCES School Code (if individual school) Or NCES Libra State: 45 - District: 01920 - School/Library:	ry Code(if individual library)
Bb. Universal Service Control Number:	3c. Applicant ID Number:
130220000062256	127197
4a. Type Of Applicant (Check only one box.)	
School	
school district	
library or library consortium under the LSTA	
consortium of multiple entities	
4b. If Applicant is a consortium, check all other boxes that apply:	
includes non-governmental entities ineligible for support	state educational agency
entity desires separate bills for each member of consortium	local educational agency educational service agency
region of a state statewide multi-state	educational service agency
5. Applicant's Street Address, P.O.Box, or Route	Number
Street	
405 W WASHINGTON ST City State Zip Code 5Digit	
DILLON SC 29536	Zip Code 4Digit 2855
Telephone number Ext:	E-mail Address
(803) 7741200	!
6. Contact Person's Name: Paula Yohe	
Street Address, P.O. Box, or Route Number( if different from Ite Street:	em 3)
City: State Zip Code 5 Digit:	Zip Code 4Digit:
Fill in all of the following(if available), and check the preferred more	de of contact:
Telephone Number Ext: Fax Number Ext:	E-mail address: Mail:
(803) 7749835 (803) 7741214	pyohe@infoave.net
Block 2: Other Characteris	tics Of Applicant
7a. Number of students:	
3950 7b.	Number of library patrons:
8. Number of buildings to be served: 9. N	Number of rooms to be served:

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Block 3: Summary Description of Needs or Services Requested

10. Check if applicant seeks discounts only existing, binding contract(s) and proceed to Blo		e services t	pased on	one or more
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11. Check here if you have a Request for Pr website, provide the website address		P) availabl	e.If RFP	is posted on a
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				(Optional)
12. Telecommunications Services				
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and fax machines.)	0.3	U	0.5	
b. Number of computers that have or require			.i	
service				
c. Number of high bandwidth video	<b></b>			
conferencing links	_			
d. Specify other (Optional)				long distance service
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c. Highest Speed of connection				
d. Specify other (Optional)	- · ·			
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c. Number of direct connections necessary	-		·	•
d. Highest speed of such direct connections	<del>-</del> .			1
e. Specify other (Optional)	-			1
15. You may provide additional summary inform	nation abo	ut the serv	ices vou a	re requesting
to help service providers identify your needs mo	re precisel	y.You may	provide	technical
requirements or give an informal description of				
Long distance contract with AT & T expires of distance service bids.	_			
16. Check here if there are any restrictions regulations on how and when providers may conprocedures. Please describe below any such restrictions or give website where they are posterior.	tact you or	r on other t	oidding	
All bids must comply with the procurement co District Two School Board.		•		1
7. Purchases in future years: If you have current future years, describe them below (Providing this				services in

## Block 4: Technology Assessment

18. Although the following services and facilities are ineligible for support, they are usually necessary if schools and libraries are to make effective use of the eligible services requested in this application.

(If your application is only for basic voice telephone service, check this box

a. Desktop communications software: Software required has been purchased; and/or
is being sought.
b. Electrical systems: adequate electrical capacity is in place or has already been
arranged; and/or upgrading for additional electrical capacity is being sought.
c. Computers: a sufficient quantity of computers has been purchased; and/or is being
sought.
d. Computer hardware maintenance: adequate arrangements have been made; and/or
are being sought.
e. Staff development: all staff have had an appropriate level of training or additional
training has already been scheduled; and/or 🗀 training is being sought.
f. Additional details: Use this space to provide additional details to help providers to
identify the services or facilities you desire.

## Block 5: Listing Consortium Participants

19. Eligible Entities: (Billed Entities.) If applicant is an individual school or a library or a school district or a library system that will receive only one bill, it should only fill in the first row of this chart. If applicant is a consortium of multiple billed entities, then it should fill out a row for each billed entity. (Applicant may attach additional pages.)

Billed Entity	Billed	Billed Entity Code	Zip Code(s) of
	Entity's	(Inserted by	Recipients of
	Zip Code	Administrator)	Service
DILLON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST 2	29536	127197	29536

## 20. Entities Ineligible for Schools and Libraries Discount:

Γ	Name of Entity	Zip Code(s)	Contact	Phone Number, E-mail
ı	•	of	Person	Address, or Alternative
		Recipients		Preferred Contact Method
		of Service		į

### Block 6: Certifications and Signature

## 21. The applicant includes: (Check one or both) a. Schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in

the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. Secs. 8801(14) and (25), that do not operate as for-profit businesses, and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million; and/or

b. I libraries or library consortia eligible for assistance from a State library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 that do not operate as forprofit businesses and whose budgets are completely separate from any school(including, but not limited to) elementary and secondary schools, colleges, and universities.

22. All of the individual schools, libraries, and library consortia

listed above in item 19 are covered by:

a. I individual technology plans and/or

b. F higher-level technology plans for using the services requested in this application(if those services consist of other than voice services).

23. Status of technology plan(check one):

- a. F Technology plan(s) has/have been approved; or
- b. C Technology plan(s) will be approved by a state or other authorized body; or
- c. Technology plan(s) will be submitted to Schools and Libraries Corporation for approval.
- 24. F I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. Sec. 254 will be used solely for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold. or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value.
- 25. I recognize that support under this program is conditional upon the school(s) or library(ies) I represent securing access to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, maintenance, and electrical connections necessary to use the services purchased effectively.
- **26.** F I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the above-named applicant, that I have examined this request, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.
- 29. Printed name of authorized person
- D. Ray Rogers
- 30. Title or position of authorized person
- Superintendent

New Search	Return To Search	Results

FCC Form

Approval by OMB 3060-0806

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entity desires separate bills for some members of consortium	educational service agency
region of a state statewide multi-state	
5. Applicant's Street Address, P.O.Box, or Route Number	
Street	
405 W WASHINGTON ST	
City State Zip Code 5Digit	Zip Code 4Digit
DILLON SC 29536	2855
Telephone number Ext:	E-mail Address
(803) 7741200	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
6. Contact Person's Name: Paula Yohe	
Street Address, P.O.Box, or Route Numbert if different from Item 5) Street.	
City: State Zip Code 3Digit:	Zip Code 4Digit:
Fill in all of the following (if available), and check the preferred mode of contact:	
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(803) 7749835 (803) 7741214	pyohe@infoave.net

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d. Computer hardware mainter	iance: adequate arranger	nents have be	een made; and/or	are being sought.
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DILLON COUNTY SCHOOL	DL DIST 29536	127197		29536
20. Entities Ineligible fo	r Schools and Libr	aries Discount	<u> </u>	
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26. I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the above-named applicant, that I have examined this request, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.
29. Printed name of authorized person
D. Ray Rogers
30. Title or position of authorized person
Superintendent

DONE REVIEWING